

STATE GETS A SOAKING RAIN

Heavy Precipitation General Over Whole of Nebraska.

FARMERS ARE MADE JUBILANT

Moisture Will Keep Ground in Good Condition for Some Time to Come, Helping All the Spring Crops.

Nebraska got a soaking Saturday night and, according to reports to railroads, the soaking continued at intervals Sunday.

Station reports sent to the railroad headquarters here indicate that with the exception of a very small and limited area in the extreme southwest part of the state the rain was general and one of the heaviest in years, ranging from one-half to four and one-half inches since Saturday morning.

Beaver Crossing, in the Northwestern, in Seward county holds the record for precipitation, for there the rainfall from Saturday morning to Sunday night was four and one-half inches.

Fillmore county reported two and one-half inches, while O'Neill, Nebraska City, Geneva and Superior got two inches, with an inch or more at Omaha, Plattsmouth, Randolph, Palmer, Tripp, St. Paul, Loup City, Ord, Grand Island, Wood River, Hastings, Crete, Ashland, Harvard, Clay Center, Schuyler, Blair, Tekamah, Rulo, Brownville, Peru, Weeping Water, Louisville, Lincoln, Fremont, West Point, Winser, Stanton, Madison, Norfolk, Wayne, Pender, Walthill, Columbus, Holdrege, Broken Bow, Leigh and a score of other points.

The towns named are scattered in all portions of Nebraska, thus indicating that the heavy rain covered practically all of the state. Over in Iowa and down in Kansas reports to the railroads indicate that the rain was heavier than in Nebraska. In Iowa, from the Missouri river entirely across the state, rain continued from Saturday night until Sunday.

In Kansas along the Union Pacific the precipitation was general from the Missouri river to the Colorado state line, with five inches reported at several stations between Ellsworth and Junction City in the western part of Kansas. Owing to the excellent condition of their roadbeds the Nebraska railroads sustained but little damage on account of the torrential rains.

Railroad and grain men feel jubilant over the rains of Saturday and Sunday and assert that if there was any possible danger of a drought throughout the winter wheat and corn belt of Nebraska and Kansas it has disappeared. They declare that the ground is wet at this time that the crop could be carried along until May without another drop of rain.

Suit in Federal Court Against E. P. Melady Withdrawn

The suit recently started in the federal court here against E. P. Melady, a prominent South Omaha live stock commission merchant, by Thust Bros. of St. Paul, has been dismissed. All the sensational charges and claims made by Thust Bros. as to irregular bookkeeping and conversion of partnership property have been fully withdrawn.

GROCERS TO HOLD MONTHLY MEETING EARLY IN APRIL

Inasmuch as the regular monthly meeting for April of the Omaha Retail Grocers' association will be held Wednesday the 15th, and that being the night before the opening of the Low-Cost-of-Living show, the date has been changed to the evening of April 8. At this special meeting the grocers will receive their badges and credentials entitling them to admission to the Auditorium at the time of their show. They will also receive the final report of the management on the various details pertaining to the operation of that affair. Colors will be selected for the decoration of the windows.

CITY MAY BUY DOG CATCHER SECOND-HAND AUTOMOBILE

The purchase of an automobile for the city dog catcher was deferred for two weeks at the meeting of the city commission in committee of the whole. It is probable a second-hand machine will be bought and repaired.

Good Results Follow Use of Foley Kidney Pills

When run down with kidney trouble, bothered with backache, rheumatism, swollen joints, or bladder weakness, you will find good results follow the use of Foley Kidney Pills. Mrs. Mary Wilson, Lynn, Mass., says: "My feet, ankles and hands were swollen. I used Foley Kidney Pills and the pain is gone from my back and the swelling has disappeared." Chas. N. Fox, Hindsboro, N. Y., writes: "Foley Kidney Pills have done me more good than \$100.00 worth of medicine." Try them. For sale by all dealers everywhere.

ENTIRE STATE PROSPEROUS

Burlington Man Finds Farmers and Merchants Most Optimistic.

MORE ACRES BEING PLANTED

All Declare Every Indication is for a Beautiful Crop—All Stock Has Wintered Best in Years.

Assistant Immigration Agent Howard of the Burlington has returned from a trip of two weeks through the agricultural sections of Nebraska and Wyoming, tributary to the lines. Mr. Howard stopped at many of the Nebraska towns and there met members of the commercial and agricultural and grain men generally. It was the same story wherever he stopped. They all reported the best business in years and all took a most optimistic view of the future, predicting a beautiful crop and a continuation of the prosperity that they assert is general in all the towns of the state.

In all of the farming sections of the state visited Mr. Howard found farmers busy in their fields, putting in the largest crop they have ever planted, all anticipating over in Wyoming Mr. Howard found the same optimistic feeling prevails. An early spring, preceded by a mild winter has enabled the cattle and sheep man to bring their herds and flocks through in good condition and at less than the normal expense. Cattle are in such good flesh at this time that owners express the opinion that they will be able to market the "grassers" at least a month earlier than usual.

Casper is Booming

In the oil producing sections of Wyoming Mr. Howard found the situation rapidly nearing the boom period. People are talking oil, dreaming of buying oil, and some of them are so enthusiastic that they are pretty near ready to eat oil. Casper is the big boom city, says Mr. Howard. There even the newby on the streets are oil speculators. The town is growing by leaps and bounds, and scarcely a week passes that the bringing in of a new well in the Sand creek district is not announced. Many buildings are being erected in the town, the largest of which is a hotel, four stories high and covering a quarter of a block. It is of stone and brick and will be as modern as any hotel in Omaha.

In the Cowley oil fields, along the Burlington, a dozen or more wells are being drilled, and enormous quantities of capital are coming into the district for investment. This is one of the few fields in the oil zone of Wyoming not controlled by the Standard oil, it is said.

Walters Says Crop Acreage Will Show Decided Increase

General Manager Walters of the Northwestern is in from his annual inspection of the north Nebraska and Wyoming lines of the company. He found the road in good condition and is of the opinion that the expense of keeping it so during the coming spring and summer will be below the normal. The present good condition is in a measure due to the large amount of work that was done on the roadbed and track last fall. On the trip Mr. Walters took note of where stock yards, main station houses and passing tracks will have to be put in during the summer. He says considerable work of this character will have to be done during the summer, but at this time he is not ready to give out the details. Mr. Walters feels very optimistic over the crop outlook in northern Nebraska, asserting that conditions never seemed more favorable for a bumper yield than now. Everywhere there has been an abundance of moisture and the farmers are preparing to plant a larger acreage than ever before. They will sow a larger acreage of oats than last year and in many instances the corn acreage will be increased from 10 to 25 per cent.

MRS. CRUMPACKER TALKS TO UNIVERSITY STUDENTS

Mrs. J. W. Crumpacker addressed the student body of the University of Omaha Monday, presenting an argument in opposition to woman suffrage. Her remarks were well received. She said in part: "There never was a time in the history of the world when the right and property of woman have been so safeguarded. She not only stands before the law as equal in position and influence to man, but she is a preferential subject. She enjoys more privileges and ranks higher before the law and in society than man, but it is said, 'This is based upon sentiment, and we wish equality by statute.' The women of America, without a vote, abolished slavery. They secured to themselves and their descendants all the advantages of education, and the broadest lines which culminated when almost every college opened its doors to young women on the same terms on which it admits and instructs young men. The women of America, without a vote, have entered, or can enter without restriction of fear of adverse criticism, every profession, trade or occupation open to men, except a few by which they are barred by their own physical limitations. The women teachers of New York City, without a vote, won their fight for equal work with the male teachers." At the conclusion of her remarks, Mrs. Crumpacker invited the students to attend the meeting Thursday night to listen to Miss Bronson.

FRED BAKER, OMAHAN, DROPS DEAD IN ALASKA

Fred J. Baker, formerly a well known Union Pacific employe in Omaha, and brother of Gus R. Baker, 211 Wirt street, dropped dead of heart trouble at Fairbanks, Alaska, last Tuesday, according to a telegram received in Omaha Sunday. The message was received by Mrs. Ed P. Baker, 419 South Twenty-fourth avenue, wife of another brother, who is a Union Pacific engineer, now on a vacation at Hot Springs, Ariz. No details of the case are known. Burial will be at Fairbanks. Mr. Baker had been a railroad man all his life and was agent of the Soo line at Fairbanks. He was 48 years of age and a bachelor. He was the son of W. J. Baker, formerly Omaha commission man on the Sixth ward, and lived here twenty-seven years.

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Among the many portraits of favorite artists in this volume are the following. Many of these are portrayed in costume in their best known characters, the complete list comprising 69 beautiful pictures.

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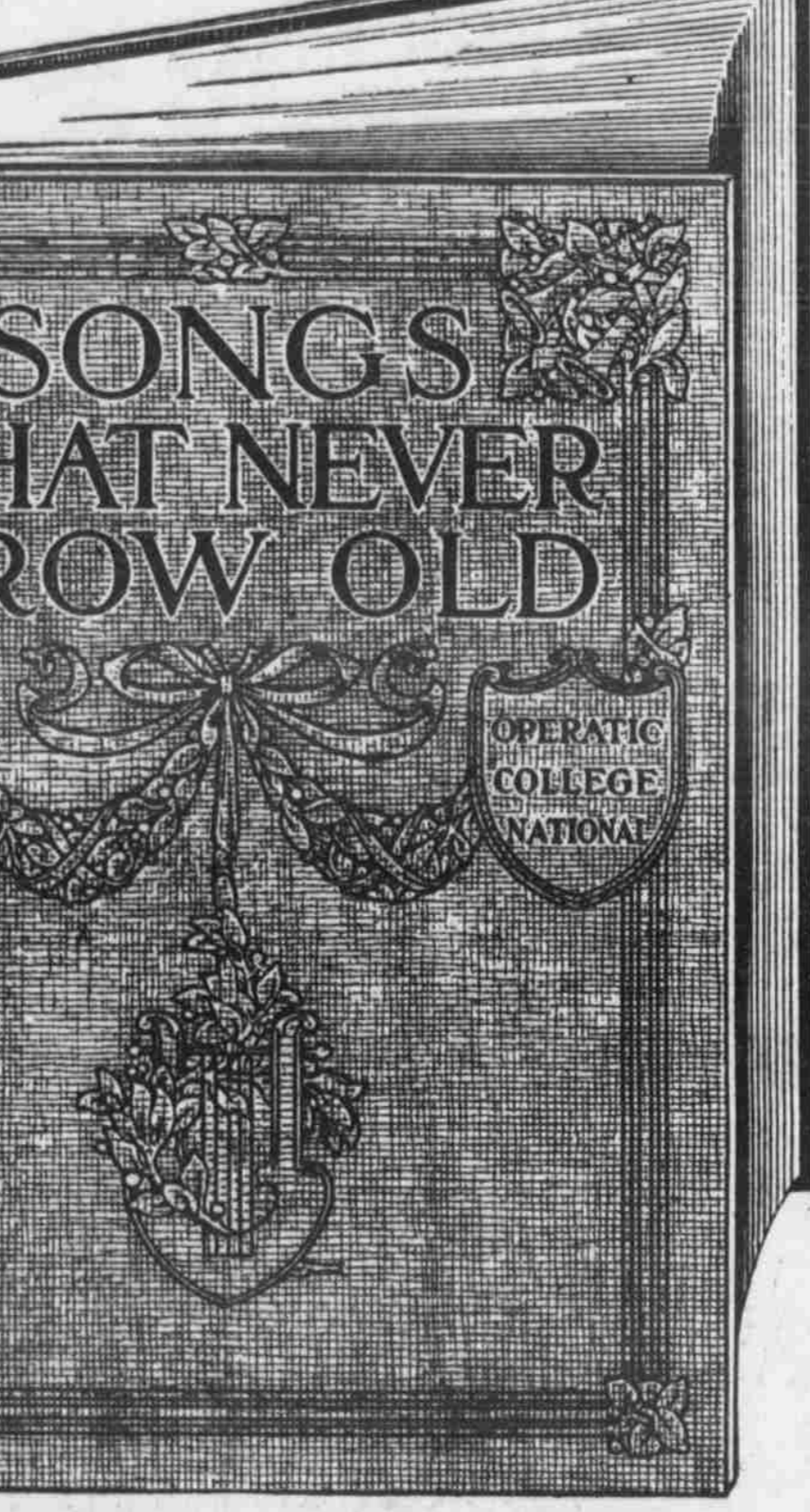
Newspapers throughout the entire country have long been flooded with requests for the old-time songs showing that there is a desire for a revival of these dearly beloved favorites, the sweet melodies of the long ago.

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American Songs, Irish Songs, German Songs

As well as many national favorites including Austria, Canada, Denmark, England, Holland, France, Italy, Poland, Russia, Scotland, Spain, Sweden and Wales. Songs that have fairly burned a way into the very heart of you—recalling the joyous dreams of youth and love and taking you back through memory's paths to the happy hours of childhood at the home fireside.

THE BEE Omaha, Neb.



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Marked Auto Road to St. Joseph May Soon Be Realization

A marked road from St. Joseph, Mo., to Omaha, likewise soon to be a realization. The good roads committee of the Commercial club has held its first meeting and decided to co-operate with the St. Joseph Auto club in marking such an auto highway. The committee recommends that the road come up on the Nebraska side of the Missouri river and also favors some system of a graduated automobile tax that would increase the revenue for the good roads fund in the state. It was decided to co-operate with the Omaha Auto club in securing some such a system. Marking of the Omaha-Lincoln & Denver transcontinental road was also considered. Where it branches from the Lincoln highway, at Thirty-sixth and Fairmount streets, the committee talks of putting a large post sign, marking the directions and distances. Auto excursions into the state during the summer are another feature under consideration. The Auto club, Ak-Sar-Bien, trade extension committee of the Commercial club and various other hustling and business organizations of the city will be asked to enlist their aid.

MRS. H. B. BOYLES DIES AT HOSPITAL FROM INFECTION

Mrs. H. B. Boyles, 44 Hamilton apartments, who has been seriously ill at a local hospital from an infection following a surgical operation the middle of last week, is dead. Besides her husband, H. B. Boyles, president of Boyles Business college, one son, C. H. Boyles, survive her. Street washouts are being rapidly repaired. Street Commissioner J. J. Ryder is repairing washouts caused by the heavy rains of Saturday and Sunday. No serious damage was done, but several streets were made impassable by the rains.

Complaint Filed Against Peterson

Protests against the action of Police Officer O. P. Peterson and representations that he is not a proper person to serve on the police force, are made by Chris Greenhagen, 206 Hiram street, in a petition filed with the city clerk asking the city commission to give him a hearing. Removal of Peterson is sought. Peterson is the special officer who has trailed down druggists who have been violating liquor laws. Greenhagen says that his wife was arrested by Peterson Saturday afternoon without cause. He says he arranged to meet his wife at the Elite cafe at 4:30 o'clock, and that in the meantime she was sitting at a table and was not drinking when the police raided the place and eight women were arrested. Greenhagen continues: "Peterson said to my wife, 'What are you doing here, little girl?' The petition says further that Peterson

INTERRUPTED BURGLAR BITES THOMAS ON CHEEK

When George Thomas entered his shop at 239 South Thirteenth street and discovered a burglar ransacking the place he immediately pounced upon the man and in the ensuing struggle was severely bitten on the right cheek by the fellow, who made his escape. Thomas hurried to the police station and reported the affair and received medical attention from Dr. Lloyd Fochtman. Nothing was carried off by the thief. Key to the Situation—Bee Advertisement.